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REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending. Claims 1, 5, 9, and 10 are independent. Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 9 and 10 have been amended. Reconsideration of the action mailed February 20, 2004, is requested in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-5, and 8-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,330,577 B1 ("Kim"). The Examiner rejected claims 2-3 and 6-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,426,751 B1 ("Patel").

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of an Interview conducted April 8, 2004. In the interview, in which Applicant's representative Brian J. Gustafson and Examiners Amini and Bryer participated, claim 1 was discussed with respect to the cited reference of Kim. Applicant's representative described the invention and the differences from Kim. The Examiners indicated agreement that Kim does not disclose the creation of a composite font based upon a user selection of two or more different fonts. In addition, the Examiners indicated that clarifying the distinction between a reference line and the sample text would further assist in overcoming Kim.

SECTION 102(a) REJECTIONS

Claim 1 stands rejected as anticipated by Kim. Claim 1, as amended, requires at least one reference line associated with the composite font and recites "at least one reference line being a line drawn for each foot of the composite font and the at least one reference line being positioned relative to the sample text."

The Examiner looks to figure 5 of Kim as disclosing Applicant's reference line. Figure 5 of Kim illustrates a font dialog box, which allows a user to select different attributes for a single font such as font face, style, and size. A preview window provides a line of sample text for the

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selected font. While Kim does disclose sample text in a sample window, Kim fails to disclose any reference line being a line drawn for each font of the composite font and positioned relative to a sample text displayed in the sample window.

Furthermore, claim 1, as amended, requires user selection of at least two different fonts, which are then used to create a composite font. By contrast, in Kim, when a user selects a font in a language other than English, the sample window displays a composite in both English and the chosen non-English language. *See* col. 4, lines 26-34. Thus a composite sample may be displayed, but the user is only able to select one font. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1, as well as claims 2-4, which depend from claim 1, are in condition for allowance.

Claims 5, 9, and 10 stand rejected as anticipated by Kim. Claims 5, 9, and 10, as amended, recite a "reference line being a line drawn for each font of the composite font and the at least one reference line being positioned relative to the sample text displayed in the sample window." For at least the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1, claims 5, 9, and 10, as well as claims 6-8, which depend from claim 5, are in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully requests that all pending claims be allowed. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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